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Sec. 6-2421. Title of Article.

This Article shall be known and may be cited as *The Festival Ordinance of 1999*.

Sec. 6-2422. Definitions.

Words and terms used in this article are defined as follows:

(a) *Festival*: A program of cultural and/or entertainment events open to the general public and taking place either fully or in part on public streets, thoroughfares, parks, squares, or other public property in connection with a community festival such as St. Patrick's Day. To be regulated by this Article, each such festival must be designated as a festival by the Mayor and Aldermen.

(b) *Festival Area*: The area specifically designated and defined by the Mayor and Aldermen as the location of festival events and activities.

(c) *Controlled Zone*: A zone within the Festival Area in which special regulations may apply as recommended in each case by the City Manager and authorized by the Mayor and Aldermen, including but not limited to controlled access by fencing and gating, wristband identification of persons admitted to a controlled zone, wristband identification of persons authorized to purchase and hold in possession alcoholic beverages, loudspeaker limits and controls, enhanced security measures, and entertainment controls.

(d) *Alcoholic Beverage*: Any beverage containing alcohol.

Sec. 6-2423. Designation of a community festival.

On the recommendation of the City Manager, the Mayor and Aldermen may designate and name certain community festival days, including the "St. Patrick's Day Festival," and during such festival days authorize cultural and entertainment events and initiate the regulatory provisions of this Article within the festival area.

Sec. 6-2424. Designation of a Festival Area.

Unless the Mayor and Aldermen specifically defines otherwise, the Festival Area shall be that area bounded on the north by the Savannah River, on the west by the centerline of the Talmadge Memorial Bridge extended south on West Boundary Street to Jones Street, on the south by Jones Street extended east to the railroad track, and on the east by a line extending north along the centerline of the railroad track to the Savannah River with such line being east of the Marriott Hotel.

Sec. 6-2425. Designation and Management of Controlled Zone

Upon recommendation of the City Manager, the Mayor and Aldermen may designate one or more *Controlled Zones* within the Festival Area, and may authorize the City Manager to implement regulations and controls which will be specific for each designated Controlled Zone. Such regulations and controls may include but are not limited to the following:

(a) Fencing and gating. Fencing designated Controlled Zone(s) and establishing entrance gates for controlling and limiting access to each Controlled Zone.

(b) Identification, entrance criteria. Requiring pre-numbered wrist bands or other means of identifying persons who have met entrance criteria. Entrance criteria may include but are not limited to prohibiting persons from entering with weapons, alcoholic beverages, pets, skates, bicycles, and other items which may be dangerous, disruptive, or inconvenient in crowded conditions, and prohibiting entry by persons appearing to be intoxicated.

(c) Identification, consumption of alcoholic beverages. Requiring wrist bands or other means of identifying persons who have displayed proof of attaining the age of 21 years, and who are authorized to purchase or hold in possession alcoholic beverages within the Controlled Zone, both within and outside of licensed alcoholic beverage establishments. A fee as set by the Mayor and Aldermen may be charged for such wrist band. Displaying such a wrist band does not relieve alcoholic beverage establishments of responsibility for determining if a person has attained the age of 21 years before dispensing alcohol to that person.

(d) Designation of festival manager within Controlled Zone. The Mayor and Aldermen may designate and authorize a non-profit tax-exempt organization or similar entity to organize and manage festival activities within a Controlled Zone. Such designation may include authorization to collect and expend funds, in which case paragraph (e) below will apply.

(e) Financial requirements, audit. Any organization designated and authorized to collect fees and generate revenues from the public in connection with such event shall, within 60 calendar days of conclusion of the event, provide to the City Manager a certified, comprehensive report that provides a full accounting of all revenues and expenditures associated with the event. The designated organization shall be required to maintain certain financial records and other documentation supporting event revenues and expenditures. The City will have complete and free access to all such financial records at all reasonable times for purposes of review and audit. The City may also require submission of a budget and spending plan prior to authorizing such event.

(f) Insurance. Any organization authorized to organize and manage festival activities within a Controlled Zone shall take out and keep in force for all activities associated with such event a *Special Events Liability Policy*. Such policy shall provide the following:

1. Minimum coverage limits: \$5,000,000 single-limit
2. Named as additional insured: Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah
3. Certificate of Insurance: A certificate of insurance shall be issued to the additional insured at least five days prior to the beginning of the event. Such certificate shall be on a standard form and will provide for notification of the additional insured within 10 days of termination of coverage.

Sec. 6-2426. Restricting hours of alcohol sales.

Within the Festival Area outdoor dispensing of alcoholic beverages under any permit or license will be permitted from 11:00 a.m. to 12 midnight only. On the day following St. Patrick's Day, all establishments licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages shall be closed from 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Sec. 6-2427. Closing of existing alcohol establishments.

Sites licensed by the City of Savannah to dispense alcoholic beverages within the city limits shall not dispense alcoholic beverages between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on the day following the day of the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Sec. 6-2428. Transport of alcoholic beverages into or out of a designated Controlled Zone.

The transport of alcoholic beverages for personal consumption either into or out of any designated Controlled Zone is prohibited.

The effective date of this ordinance is February 12, 1999.